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REMARKS

The Pending Claims

Claims 6, 11, 13 and 16 are pending. Claims 1-5, 7-10, 12, 14-15 and 17-23 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. These canceled claims may be pursued in a continuation application, and applicant reserves that right.

Summary of the Office Action

The Office Action rejected claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 19, 22 and 23 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Banba, Bauer, Bosgieter (one combination), and also a four-way combination of these three references with Sollars. Applicant traverses this rejection as applicants believe the rejected claims indeed are patentable. But, applicant will save its arguments against these references for a potential continuation patent application, and for purely administrative reasons, applicant at this time cancels such claims from this application.

Allowable Claims

Claims 6, 11, 13 and 16 were objected to, but indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has adopted the suggestion of the Examiner, and rewritten claims are provided above.

Summary

It is respectfully requested that the application be passed to allowance, as all the pending claims (6, 11, 13 and 16) have been indicated allowable, and rewritten as requested by the Office Action.

Fee Authorization: In the event that there are additional fees associated with the submission of these papers, Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to

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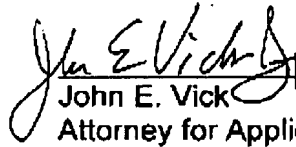
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withdraw those fees from our Deposit Account No. 04-0500.

Extension of Time: In the event that additional time is required to have the papers submitted herewith for the above referenced application to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for any additional time required to make these papers timely and authorization is hereby granted to withdraw any additional fees necessary for this additional time from our Deposit Account No. 04-0500.

Respectfully submitted,

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